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RESPONSE A

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003, please take into consideration the following remarks.

Remarks

By this Action the Examiner has required restriction for examination purposes and an election. The Examiner has noted that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions.

I. Claims 1-, 4-6, and 16, drawn to a method of viscosity control, method of preparing alkyl diphenyl oxide sulfonic acid blend and method of preparation of a surfactant, classified in class 568, subclass 33.